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CREAM OF TARTAR

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WM. HIMSWORTH, ESQ.,
Acting Deputy Minister of Inland Revenue.

SIR,—I beg to report upon a collection of 148 samples of Cream of Tartar purchased throughout Canada in February and March of this year,

The last inspection of Cream of Tartar was made in 1910, and the results of analysis are published in Bulletin No. 222. In that report I suggested the advisability of legalizing a standard for a commercial grade of Cream of Tartar, less exacting than that fixed by the British Pharmacopoeia. The B.P. standard described is that for a highly refined article, containing not less than 97.5 per cent of Bi-tartrate of potash.

It will be seen that 49 samples of the present collection reach this high standard, while 94 samples of good quality, and containing about 90 per cent of Bi-tartrate of potash, are relegated to what I have designated as the commercial grade, falling a few per cent lower than B.P. requirements.

Five samples are adulterated as containing starch and other foreign matters.

I beg to recommend publication of this report as Bulletin No. 263.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,

A. M. MCGILL,
Chief Analyst.